





## ELMER S. SEARS

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AND  
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OF EVERY  
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AND PRECIOUS STONES  
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EXECUTORS OF ESTATES  
AND COLLECTORS

April 20th, 1911.

J. J. Garrett,  
Garrett Builder,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

You may remember meeting me personally  
when being introduced by Mr. Maynard at Mr. Ly-  
ndon's office some year or so ago.

I am taking the liberty of writing to  
you to offer you a great rarity in the Colonial series.  
It is very unusual that I am enabled to offer you any-  
thing which I think would interest you other than your  
very large and extensive collection already con-  
taining but I have at this time a coin which I believe  
is most desirable and a rarity which I am sure that you  
will appreciate. The coin is no more or less than a  
half Doubloon struck by Ephraim Brasher in 1787. The  
coin is the exact size of the Doubloon but differs  
materially in its weight. The weight of the specimen  
which I have is 196.7 grains against 406-407 grains  
for the Doubloon. The die used in striking it was the  
exact die used in striking the Doubloon but of course,  
was struck on a thinner planchett to make the desired  
weight. It was not unusual in those days to do this  
as the weight and fineness governed the value of the  
coin.

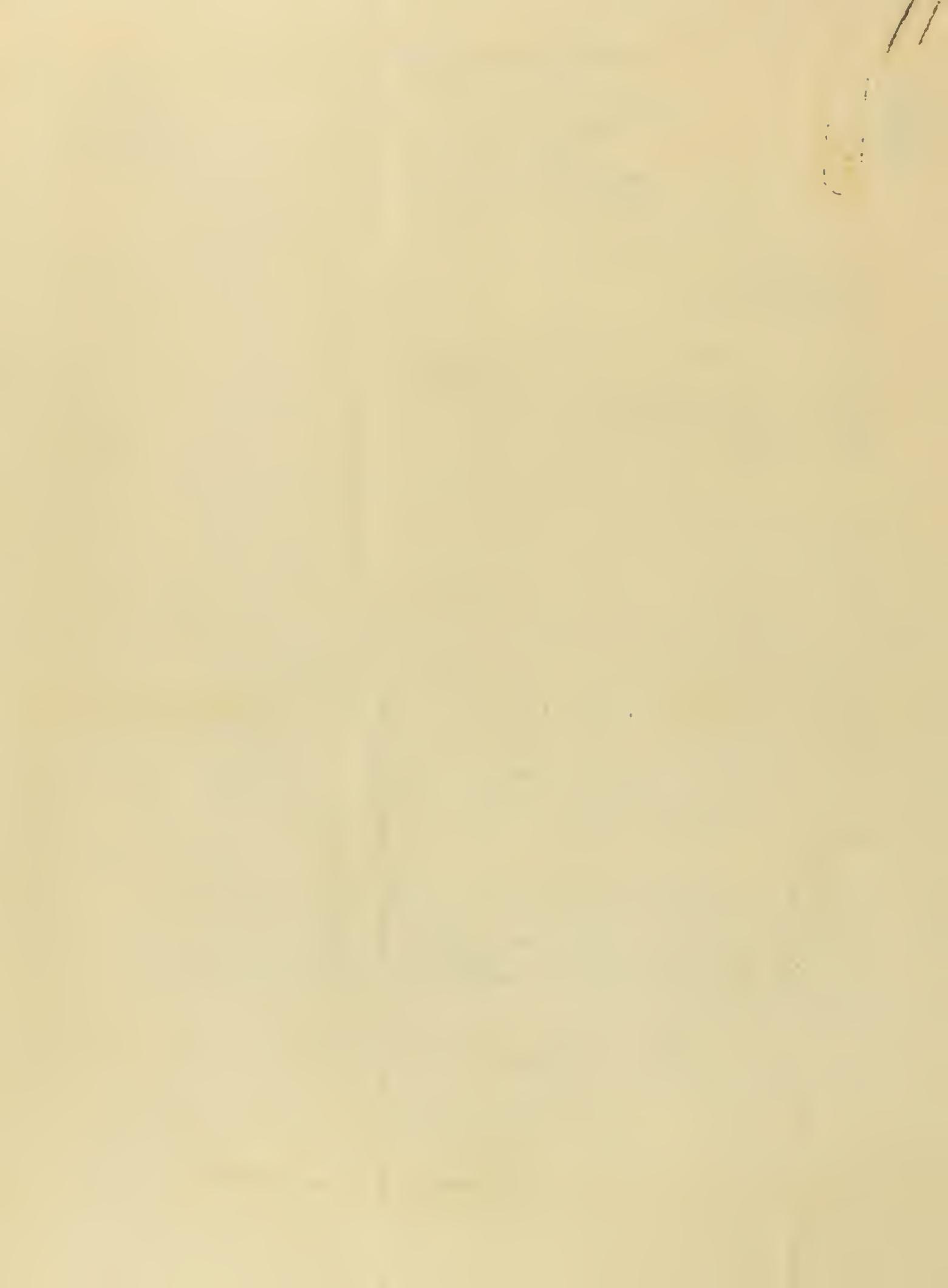
The piece which I am offering is specifically  
uncirculated and I am asking \$75.00 for the coin.  
If you feel, upon reading this, that you are still  
interested and will excuse me I shall be glad to submit  
the coin for your approval, otherwise I beg your indul-  
gence for troubling you with this letter in view that  
you will pardon the same.

Thanking you for the opportunity of having  
submitted the above, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Elmer S. Sears*

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May 4, 1925.

Mr. Elmer S. Sears,  
Swansea,  
Mass.

Dear Mr. Sears:-

I am much obliged to you for writing me about the Brasher half Doubloon. I have never heard of this piece before and naturally find your statement about it exceedingly interesting, but I am not adding to my collection of American coins at present and do not desire to take this piece. Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S



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